(b) The SCO member states called upon India and Pakistan to restart the political dialogue with a view to removing tensions and developing cooperation between the two countries.

(c) The SCO member states have reportedly entered into an agreement on setting up the regional anti- terrorist structure.

(d) India has followed with interest the development of SCO. We have also noted SCO's deire to contribute to security and stability in the region.

Construction of Godowns in Madhya Pradesh

*377. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be plesed to state:

(a) the amount allocated/released/spent for construction of godowns and warehouses to Government of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, alongwith the number of godowns constructed/ under construction;

(b) the details of the cases where Central funds were misused/ diverted;

(c) whether any investigation in this regard has been made, if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the responsibility, if any, fixed and the action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Construction of godowns", an amount of Rs.321.368 lakhs was sanctioned to the Government of Madhya Pradesh during 2001-02. However, the amount actually released was Rs. 257.166 lakhs after adjusting Rs. 64.202 lakhs, which was pending recovery from the State Government on account of financial assistance sanctioned during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96. The amount spent by the State Government so far is Rs. 142.85 lakhs. 3 (three) godowns have already been constructed while 13 (thirteen) godowns are under construction. No assistance under the said Scheme was released in favour of the State Government during 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

(b) No report regarding the misuse/diversion of funds released during 2001-02 has come to the notice of the Central Government.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

SSIs in Rajasthan

*378. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has sought special grants from the Ministry of Commerce to benefit the small scale industries in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any schemes are under operation to promote the small scale industries in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) For the promotion of small scale industries (SSI) in the country including Rajasthan, the Government is implementing various schemes/programmes—*viz.*, Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme, Entrepreneurial, Managerial Training Programmes and Technical Skill Development Programmes through Small Industry Service Institutes (SISIs), Tool Rooms, etc. Besides, Government has also announced a comprehensive policy package on 30.8.2000, which *inter alia* includes enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure, marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation. In the State of Rajasthan there is one SISI & one Field Testing Station at Jaipur and one Hand Tools Design & Development Training Centre at Nagaur. Under the IID Scheme, four centres in the districts of Jodhpur, Udaipur, Tonk and Nagaur have been sanctioned and Central Grant of Rs. 5.22 crores has been released. A National Programme for the development of Stone industry has been launched in the country in November 2000. The Centre for the Development